

Present: Chairperson Kondak; Vice-Chairperson Arvant; Members: Arvant, Greening, O'Reilly, Ross and Schmitt

Absent: Davis

Also: Village Clerk/Asst. Manager, Marshall
Council liaison, Mooney

Chairperson Kondak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Beverly Park.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 15, 2010

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on July 15, 2010 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Greening of Riverside Drive reported that progress is being made with painting the south diamond dugouts. The fresh paint improves the appearance of the dugout.

Janet Mooney of 19111 Devonshire commended the Parks and Recreation Board members on the work that they do on behalf of the Village.

UPDATE ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

It was reported that Andrew Hausman, Scout from Troop 1024, is preparing a proposal for constructing a sandbox in the playground area to come before the Board for approval.

Drew Steffes has completed his scout project and submitted the paperwork necessary to receive his Eagle Scout award. His project was to replace damaged boards and re-stain the sled hill fence. Kondak related that he was approached by a couple of scouts recently to discuss options for Eagle Scout projects.

FINAL ACCOUNTING FOR MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

O'Reilly distributed copies of the 2010 Memorial Day Parade & Carnival Accounting Summary itemizing income and expenses related to the event. Finance Director Bob Wiszowaty has confirmed the figures. The report shows a net profit of \$3,756.35.

The carnival was cut short by an hour due to rain, which resulted in a decrease in revenue from the previous year. Last year the profit was \$8,928.00. Questions from Board members were addressed by O'Reilly.

RECAP OF FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

The Picnic in the Park was held on Wednesday, July 21. Arvant reported that it was attended by a small but enthusiastic crowd of about 70 people. The Wide Open West representatives who attended were pleased to sponsor the event and great to work with. They underwrote the cost of the ice cream truck. The people from Oakland County Parks who ran the games for the Mobile Recreation Unit did a good job. Arvant thanked everyone for their support.

In response to an inquiry, Arvant said that she would consider organizing the event again next year with better publicity.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE HALLOWEEN HOOT

Pat Greening said that she is organizing the Halloween Hoot with Janet Mooney and Rosanne Koss. They will need help on the day of the Hoot, particularly in terms of people who would supervise and oversee various activities. Greening outlined the schedule for the day, pointing out where direction will be needed by supervisory staff. Greening related that sufficient funds have been raised to conduct the Hoot. If more donations are received, additional kiosks will be set up.

Kondak said that members of the Parks and Recreation Board are willing to do whatever is needed on the day of the Hoot. Assignments will be made at next month's meeting. Kondak asked Greening to call Board members if she needs help before the next meeting.

REVIEW PAVILION RENTAL FEES

The Board discussed updating pavilion rental fees at a previous meeting because the rates have not changed for several years. Ellen Marshall has provided members with a chart comparing Beverly Hills pavilion rental fees with those of surrounding communities. Members also have sheets listing the current resident fee schedule, current non-resident fee schedule, and proposed rates for 2011.

Kondak has discussed the fee schedule with Marshall and arrived at a recommendation to increase non-resident pavilion rental fees and leaving the resident fees at the same level. Kondak reviewed the proposed 2011 rates with the Board.

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council adopt Beverly Park Pavilion Rental rates for 2011 in accordance with the proposal presented.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

DISCUSS FUTURE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Kondak stated that the purpose of this agenda item is to receive input on how to use remaining park dedicated millage funds and any other money available for improvements to the facilities, landscaping or grounds.

Schmitt asked if there was an update on the irrigation proposal. Marshall responded that an agenda item for the Tuesday, September 21 Council meeting will be for Council to consider approving preparation of specifications and taking bids for the park irrigation project. The funding for this improvement will come from the dedicated park millage.

At the request of the Board, Marshall will request an updated accounting of remaining park millage money from Bob Wiszowaty for next month's meeting.

Greening commented that the Parks and Recreation Board has taken over the responsibility of putting on the Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. Some of the net profit from this event can be used for park improvements. Greening asked whether the Village will be allocating any money towards park capital improvements in the future, or if the Parks and Recreation Board

will be responsible for raising money needed for all park improvements. If so, Greening would propose that the Board proceed with fund raising plans. Greening asked that this matter be a topic of discussion for an upcoming Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Schmitt asked if any progress has been made to install manual overrides on the flush valves on the pavilion toilets. Marshall did not have an answer.

Janet Mooney on Devonshire suggested that consideration be given to replacing the worn out benches throughout the park.

Dan Nelson on Sheridan observed that the parking lot surface is cracked and needs repaving. Ellen Marshall was requested to ask Tom Meszler about the condition of the parking lot.

Prioritization of future park improvement projects will be carried over as an agenda item for the October meeting.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER THREE LARGE GROUP SURVEYS

There were no objections to the large group event planning forms from Haratsaris, Jacobs, and Stern.

LIAISON COMMENTS

John Mooney commented that the Village is faced with a Charter Amendment ballot proposal in November. There will be consequences in the event that the proposal does not pass. Residents will lose the use of Baldwin Public Library; the Village will lose five or six public safety officers; there will be changes in Beverly Park in terms of grass cutting and no more pavilion rentals.

Mooney related that there is a strong level of opposition to the Charter Amendment. He realizes that the Parks and Recreation Board is a hard working group of people who feel strongly about the benefits of living in Beverly Hills. He asked for their help to make sure that the millage proposal passes.

Mooney asked that Board members invite neighbors into their home to hear members of Council explain the Charter Amendment and answer all of their questions about Village finances and the millage proposal. Council would like to have the opportunity to talk to their neighbors and provide them with facts.

There will be three large information meetings held at Greenfield School, Groves High School, and Berkshire Middle School in October. Help is needed to pass out literature to advise residents in each neighborhood of those meetings on the weekend before they occur. Parks and Recreation Board members can get in touch with John Mooney or Rosanne Koss if they wish to help.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall commented that the summer park attendants did a nice job of weeding the area by the playground and the gazebo. Kondak mentioned attempts to contact Goldner Walsh to replace plantings that have died.

BOARD COMMENTS

O'Reilly stated that the Beverly Hills Church Softball League donated \$100 to the park for use of the ball diamonds this season. He informed everyone of the DIY Street Fair this weekend in Ferndale at 9 Mile and Woodward. It is co-sponsored by Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

Ross asked for a discussion at next month's meeting on what is expected of the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board. Marshall will provide members with the Council Resolution that created the Parks and Recreation Board as well as the park deed.

Schmitt affirmed that he is in support of the millage proposal that will be on the November 2 ballot.

Arvant asked that recycling bins be provided in the area of the ball diamond for depositing water and Gatorade bottles. Marshall responded that bins have been placed there. She will check with the DPW staff on this. It was thought that people may not be using the recycle bins.

Arvant mentioned that she attended a pot luck Garden Harvest fund raiser last Saturday at the Beverly United Methodist Church to benefit the Beverly Hills Community Garden group. There was a great turnout. The Community Garden appears to have entered into a fruitful partnership with the Church.

Kondak thanked Pat Greening, Janet Mooney and Rosanne Koss for planning this year's Halloween Hoot. He asked that Pat Greening contact Board members if she needs any additional assistance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.